

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events!

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**December 2008**

### Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!



*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*

**All Programs are Eastern Standard Time!**

**Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at**

**[www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)**

### Saturday December 6

- 10:00am **Winter Wetlands.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. We'll also investigate this unique area of our park as winter settles in. AH
- 1:00pm **Pokagon Toboggan Time Trials!** Bundle up, get a team, and head to our toboggan run for some fun and friendly competition! Teams will compete against the radar gun and speed display. Team divisions are: Youth Division, Family Division, Corporate Division, and Best, Most Creatively Costumed Team! Entry into time trials is free with a regular \$10.00 per hour, per toboggan rental. Time Trial Rules available at the Warming Center and Nature Center. Join us!
- 3:00pm



### Sunday December 7

- 8:30am **Junco Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for Juncos and other snowbirds and winter wildlife. We'll be out for about an hour and a half. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet inside near the Potawatomi Inn near the coffee machines.
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! AH

## Saturday December 13

- 10:30am **A Place in the Pines....** Put on your walking shoes for a little off-trail hiking as we meet at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance then head up into a couple of different pine forests. We'll have extra binoculars for a hopeful look at pine squirrels, pine siskins and maybe a red-breasted nuthatch! FW
- 2:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. It all takes place in the Nature Center auditorium!



## Sunday December 14

- 8:30am **A Fresh Air Jaunt!** See Sunday, December 7, at 8:30am for program meeting place and details. AH

## Saturday December 20

- 10:30am **Walking in a Winter Woodland Wonderland...** Join us on the Front Deck of the Nature Center from where we'll take off a on short walk through the nearby woodlands to enjoy signs of winter critters on the move and looking to tough it out for the winter! AH
- 2:00pm **Squirreling Away for the Winter!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show 'n' tell session on Pokagon critters and what they are presently doing to prepare for the long winter ahead. AH

## Sunday December 21

- 8:30am **Early Morning, Mid December Stroll.** See Sunday, December 7's Junco Jaunt, at 8:30am for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, December 7 for details. AH

## Tuesday December 23

- 11:00am **An American Boy – Tribute to our Pokagon Boys Camp.** Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium for a viewing of this half-hour movie following the life of a 12 year old boy growing up in Indiana in 1948. The filmmaker has vivid memories of our Pokagon Boys Camp and has paid a special tribute with this movie.
- 2:00pm **An American Boy** - See above.

## Wednesday December 24

- 9:00am **Tenth Annual Christmas Eve Morning Trek.** You say you got the shopping done?! Great, now how about a hike through the park's interior to relax and enjoy the spirit of the season. Meet in the Inn Lobby for a hike back to the Spring Shelter, a fire and treats, and back to the Inn.. We'll go through beautiful pine forests and cut through a quiet campground. Join us for this annual tradition! FW



*Note Nature Center will close early on Christmas Eve, at 3:00pm*

## Thursday December 25

Nature Center is Closed today. Have a great Christmas!



## Saturday December 27

- 10:00am **McClue's Woods in the Winter.** Join us for this special car pool tour to a very special 80-acre, county-owned Nature Preserve about 2 miles from the park. Bundle up and meet in the Nature Center Parking Lot. At McClue's we'll hike for a little over an hour. FW
- 2:00pm **Winter Tree ID Spree!** Join us first in the Nature Center Auditorium for a quick look at tree identification in the winter (no leaves!), then we'll bundle up and head outside to try our skills on a few nearby trees. You'll get some paperwork to help you ID the trees in your own backyards. FW

## Sunday December 28

- 8:30am **A Fresh Air Jaunt!** See Sunday, December 7, at 8:30am for program meeting place and details. FW

## Monday December 29

- 9:00am **28th Annual Christmas Bird Count.** For serious birders, it's our annual, all-day, big event! Prior registration required. \$5.00 per person fee. Contact the Nature Center by December 25<sup>th</sup>. 260-833-2012.

## Tuesday December 30

1:00pm **Bird Banding Demonstration.** This afternoon at the Nature Center, guest interpretive naturalist John Schaut will band birds after first catching them in special nets set up in front of our feeding stations at the "Woodland Window." Come and stay for some or all of the banding. With the winter feeding stations in continuous action, we're ensured a "bird in the hand" the entire time!



## Thursday January 1

Nature Center is Closed today. Have a great New Years!



## Friday January 2

Nature Center is Open today. 10am to 5pm!

## Saturday January 3

10:00am **The Frozen Marsh.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance, from where we'll take off on a short walk down to the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw. It's a beautiful spot any time of year. This morning we might turn up a robin or bluebird seeking refuge and food in the lowlands! FW

2:00am **Snakes Alive.** Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look at, and feel, of some of Pokagon's snake species that are now tucked away for the winter. Learn of their lifestyles and habitats. We may feed one or two if the timing is right. Join us!

## Sunday January 4

8:30am **Fresh Air Jaunt.** See Sunday, December 7 at 8:30am for details. Bundle up and join us! FW

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## Nature Center School Season Hours:

**Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm - Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm**  
**Special Holiday Hours: Nature Center Open Dec. 20 to January 4, 10am to 5pm**  
**Closed Christmas and New Year's Day**

**Looking for a New Year's Resolution?... How about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in 2009!**



